St. John XXIII Catholic Church

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May 13, 2018

A Mother's Cross CAN CHANGE THE PAST

by: **Damian Hanley**

Any woman who's lost a child can understand the pain of our Blessed Mother. Catholics believe foremost in the sanctity of life, and when a child's life is cut short, it is tragic because it is *the worst possible thing happening to the embodiment of innocence*. When Mary witnessed the tragedy of her Son's final days on Earth she remained pure of heart and refused to fall prey to the resentment we would have all forgiven her for. She is the perfect example of unconditional maternal love, and the inspiration behind our newest ministry at St. John XXIII. Emily Johnson and her husband, Cory, share the Blessed Mother's pain, and they're using it for the good of others.

Heavenly Children - a support group for mothers who've lost a child of any age, is the answer to the question "What do we do when our loss is too great to bear alone?" There is no more dramatic a reversal of fate than the pure potential of a new life being cut short. Emily delivered a stillborn baby boy, Aiden, on May 4, 2012. His GI tract was underdeveloped and she went septic during the delivery. She was given last rites – twice.

After genetic testing her doctors told her they could try again. And they did. And 10 months later she delivered Asher. He came into the world after only 23 weeks weighing 1 pound, 4 ounces. The prior pregnancy had damaged her cervix, so he ended up spending 110 days in the NICU. Little Asher won the battle and is doing fine today.

We think we have control over our lives until something like this happens. This new ministry will serve as a beacon of hope for parents who are currently living through a special kind of misery.

Catholics are good at taking responsibility for our sins of commission. We'll even own up to misfortunes that we knowingly played a part in via *omission*. But when it comes to random, inexplicable tragedies, nothing renders us as powerless. "Helpless" is a good way to describe it. Cory can identify.

"I'd always been the calming rock of our relationship, and when that happened, there's nothing you can do to help. Sitting there and watching my son pass away, and then

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"She is clothed in Strength and Dignigty, and She Laughs without Fear of the Future."

PROVERBS 31:25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses:
Monday-Saturday, 8:00am
Rosary-7:30am (Mon.-Sat.)
Divine Mercy after 8am Mass

Weekend Masses:
Saturday Mass 8:00am, 4:00pm, Vietnamese Mass 8:00pm
Sunday, 7:15am, 9:15am, & 11:15am
Spanish Mass: 1:15pm first Sunday each month

Reconciliation:
Saturday 8:30-9:00am

First Friday Adoration:
Friday 8:30-9:00am

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
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8:00am-Noon | 1:00-4:00pm
239-561-2245

MINISTRY TO THE SICK:
A priest is on call 7 days a week, 24hrs a day for these hospitals:
Health Park - St. Columbkille Church 239-489-3973
Lee Memorial - St. Francis Xavier Church 239-334-2161
Gulf Coast - St. John XXIII 239-561-2245

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT:
You are able to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before being admitted to a facility.

St. Columbkille - Hope Hospice
239-489-3973
9470 Health Park Circle,
Ft. Myers, FL

St. Raphael - Lehigh Acres Health & Rehab Center
239-369-2194
1550 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL

Hope Hospice 239-369-1831
1201 Wings Way, Lehigh Acres, FL

St. Leo - Hope Hospice
239-992-0901
27200 Imperial Pkwy,
Bonita Springs, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Discovery Village 239-693-0818
2073 Lafayette St, Ft. Myers, FL

St. Vincent de Paul - Promise Hospital 239-693-0818
2073 Lafayette St, Ft. Myers, FL

The Mission of St. John XXIII Catholic Church is to actively engage all those who desire to more fully accept and live out the message of Christ, welcoming and respecting all people regardless of background, history, race or color, as we strive to nurture spiritual growth and personal holiness on our journey to become more responsible stewards of God's gifts.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 12th
8:00 AM + Larry Widlowski by Judy Zachary
4:00 PM + George Boland by his wife, Anne
8:00 PM + Teresa

Sunday, May 13th - MOTHER'S DAY
7:15 AM, 9:15 AM & 11:15 AM Masses
ALL MOTHER'S LIVING & DECEASED

Monday, May 14th
8:00 AM + Schleimer & Lange families by Jim & Barbara Lange

Tuesday, May 15th
8:00 AM Living/Deceased Schmid family by the Schmid children

Wednesday, May 16th
8:00 AM + Leona Cook by Paul & Judy Cook

Thursday, May 17th
8:00 AM + Frederick Maison by Stephen Maison

Friday, May 18th
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. John XXIII

Saturday, May 19th
8:00 AM + Susan Maloney Donohue by Mary & Roger Stead
4:00 PM Living/Deceased Women's Guild Members by the Guild
8:00 PM FOR ALL PARENTS & SIBLINGS

Sunday, May 20th
7:15 AM + Larry Widlowski by Judy Zachary
9:15 AM + Paul deLaporte by the St. John XXIII Thrift Store
11:15 AM + Rocco Bruno by his son, Cal

THE 2018 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.
To insure availability throughout the year, we must limit requests for the English speaking Masses to no more than (2) weekend Masses and (2) weekday Masses for the entire year. Other options will remain available: Tabernacle Candle $15 per week, Eucharistic Host $15 per week.

May 20th 2018 - PENTECOST

• 1ST READING	ACTS 2:1-11
• 2ND READING	1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13
• GOSPEL	JN 20:19-23

Minister Schedule

May 19th & May 20th

Saturday 4:00 PM
LECTORS: N. Burke, N. Fernando, E. Schultz
SERVERS: E. Villarreal, C. Villarreal, O. Villarreal, J. Millan

Sunday, 7:15 AM
LECTORS: D. Davis, C. Beswick, L. Izral
SERVERS: N. Wheeler, A. Villiers, N. Villiers

Sunday, 9: 15 AM
LECTORS: P. McKenna, C. Lazo, S. Szymanski
SERVERS: E. Venglar, J. Evers, K. Lambert

Sunday, 11:15 AM
LECTORS: D. Cox, G. Leonardos, A.M. Ceth
SERVERS: K. Jones, R. Britto, Y. Villanueva

There will no longer be a 5pm Sunday Mass.

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■ **Saturday, May 12th**
Social Justice Diaper Drive
Faith & Finance Registration Table
Women's Guild A Morning With Mary Signup
First Communion 9:30am & 1pm
Vigil Mass 4pm
Vietnamese Mass 8pm

■ **Sunday, May 13th**
Women's Guild A Morning With Mary Signup
7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am Masses
Social Justice Diaper Drive
Faith & Finance Registration Table

■ **Monday, May 14th**
Men's Gospel Forum/CCR 7am
Craftie Ladies/Villas 1pm
Knight of Columbus/CCR 7pm

■ **Tuesday, May 15th**
Opening the Word/CCR 9am
Bereavement 1pm
Spanish Rosary/Cry Room 6pm
Bible Study: Matthew 5 - The Bar is Raised by the King/ CCR 6:30pm
Boy Scouts/Villa 7pm

■ **Wednesday, May 16th**
Blessed Little Angels/Lakes Park Water Playgrounds 10am
Faith & Finance/CCR 6:30pm

■ **Thursday, May 17th**

■ **Friday, May 18th**

■ **Saturday, May 19th**
KofC Membership Drive
Women's Guild "A Morning with Mary"/CCR 9am
Vigil Mass 4pm
Vietnamese Mass 8pm

■ **Sunday, May 20th**
7:15am, 9:15am & 11:15am Masses/Hospitality
Blood Mobile 8am-1pm
Empanada Sale/CRR 10am
New Family Orientation/12:30pm

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Mother continued:

watching my wife go through such an intense situation... I felt more frustration and anger, and I couldn't help but think 'I wish I could have gone. I wish He could have taken me instead and let my son have his life on earth.' In my mind I thought I'd lived long enough. I just wish my son could have had the chance to live his life."

Who hasn't bargained with God? "God, if only I promise X, can we undo Y and change Z that happened in the past?" "No!" says God.

The events won't change, but our faith gives us the tools to change the *meaning* of the past – which is what Emily and Cory are doing with this ministry.

Many, many mothers and fathers know what it means to lose a child. Heavenly Children is a means through which parents can share their pain, process their grief and celebrate life – no matter how brief it may have been. The Johnsons could have done nothing, and no one would have blamed them.

Hiding from life is a normal, human reaction. When we're traumatized, it's natural to retreat into ourselves and isolate. Life takes energy. People stress us out. Why can't we just ignore all our calls, go through the motions, escape, and bury that burning ember inside of us for....ever?

For one, because it doesn't work. We all know people that deal with life like this. Heck, *we've* probably been that person ourselves! But when we do this we're ignoring a central tenet of Christianity. That is, a refusal to take up our cross is a refusal to confront life like Christ confronted it.

He showed us that it is very possible to transcend the tragedies of earthly existence through sacrifice and adherence to God's law. And our Blessed Mother showed us that when God asks you to make a sacrifice, you make it. You willingly confront the call because your life is meant to teach others how to love unconditionally.

Through little acts of charity and kindness, the Johnson's have been doing this for the past four years. In January 2014 they formed a non-profit, Miracles Around Us, whose explicit mission is to make infant burial gowns out of wedding dresses. They also help families with children in the NICU who are struggling to provide basic necessities for their infants. For most Americans, a trip to the hospital is also a financial crisis. "We took a double-stroller to a family that had twins. We help people with car seats... There are families that are homeless. They leave the NICU and go directly to a homeless shelter. We take them items so they can properly take care of their babies," Emily shares.

Cory explains that "a lot of people go through what we've gone through, and not a lot of people talk about it. It happens more than what you'd think. But knowing that, one day I will see my son again – it's not my place to say when – but knowing that, is one of the greatest joys I look forward to."

And this is the Good News. The Johnson's changed the meaning of the past and are sharing their experience of brokenness with those whose suffering is fresh. All Christians know how to do this, but we need constant reminders. Meaning is derived from picking up one's cross and humbly taking responsibility for it. Meaning in motherhood is discovered upon conception. As soon as a woman learns she is with child, she is trusted with the greatest responsibility of all – to bring forth the pure potential that could save the world. Every life is a chance to bring glory to God.

So, on this Mother's Day, meditate on the sacred image of the Divine Mother and Child, and remember that in suffering, they bring forth new life so that we can continue this thing called humanity. There is no greater sacrifice that can be made, and no greater gift worthy of celebration.

PRAYER FOR

THE BLESSED MOTHER

Mother's Day - May 13th

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star Of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity. There are none who can withstand your power. Oh, Show me herein that you are my Mother. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mary, I place this cause for your hands. Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Thank you, Blessed Mother. Amen.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually, especially:

Elaine Quan
Ryan Novajasky
Jan Smith
Lynne Haughey
Linda Sayres
Carol Clausen
Erika Arquilla Hlavacek
Greysen Gregory
Linda Kircher
Joanne Neil
Dianne Kralj
Gail Moddeman
Agnes Bolles
Geoff Davies
Lydia Santos
Marlene LaRose
Raymond Mancke
Kay Nervie
Jill Louden
Rob Wing
Peg Greco
Natalie Richard
Mario Leno
Bruce Hoyt
Anne Grace Killion
Elena Piazza
Nancy Oswald
Marcy Cetnar
Nate Pechulis
Gabriel Gelardi
Anne Marie Fernandez
Nancy Uhl
John Ryan
Terry O'Connor
Lauren Major
Brian Collins
"S"
Rose Schmigle

These names are kept in the bulletin for one month. If you would like continual prayer, please add your name to the prayer book in the Narthex.

The best way to ensure your loved ones are consistently prayed for within our greater E-Prayer Community - email Betsy Engelbrecht at **e-prayer@popejohn23.net**

Their names will be circulated to an ever-growing list of people who will pray for them by name!

Ways to Memorialize

For requests to memorialize a loved one, you may call or stop in our Parish office.

Prayers for Eternal Life

Life is changed, not ended.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!
Bernardita Detera

Tabernacle Candle

In Memory of: **Jim Harley**
Requested by: **Dave & Andrea**

FYI

CREDIT CARD POLICY:

We MUST request that any credit card transactions made at St. John XXIII be a minimum of $25.

Thank You!

General **Announcements**

- **Have You Listened to Our Podcasts?** Listen to our weekly inspirational messages from Father Bob and homilies from Mass. Visit our site weekly at johnxxiii.podbean.com
- **"Like" our Facebook Page!** For all the latest happenings and inspirational messages "Like" us on Facebook. Just search "St. John XXIII Catholic Church".
- **Our Weekly Newsletter:** Visit our website, johnxxiii.net, scroll down to "Stay Connected" and enter your email address.
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- **St. John XXIII Catholic Church Mass Times:** Stay up to date and visit: http://johnxxiii.net/info/new-mass-schedule/ for our Mass schedule.
- **Directory of Perpetual Adoration Chapels:** If you are visiting, vacationing or away from home, you can find churches that provide Adoration by visiting http://www.therealpresence.org/states/perp.htm
- **Interested in Serving our Parish Family During Mass?** Men, women and teens may serve as a Greeter, Usher, Lector, or Eucharistic Minister. Please contact the parish office at (239) 561-2245, if you feel called to serve in any of these areas, we can use your time and talent!
- **Coffee & Donuts Hospitality:** Additional people are needed after the 7:15am, 9:15am, 11:15am Sunday Masses, to help with coffee and donuts hospitality. For information contact Jennifer Baumgardner in the office at (239) 561-2245
- **Replacing Your Appliances?** Please consider giving your old ones to our Thrift Store. Gently used appliances 7 years old or less that are in good working order can be sold at our Thrift Store. Please email thrift@johnxxiii.net and Cynthia, our store manager will contact you to schedule a pick-up. The Thrift Store is located at 15200 S. Tamiami Trail #110 in Ft. Myers, FL (call 239) 433-4097 or visit their website at www.bpjthrift.com
- **Nonperishable Donations:** If you are leaving on vacation or returning to your summer home, then please consider dropping off any unopened nonperishable food items in the designated baskets located in the Narthex. These items help supply our food pantries and help those in need.
- **FREE Rosary Repair:** Send broken rosaries in a padded envelope to: Betty & Dick Holden, 7930 Estero Blvd., #502, Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931. Rosaries will be returned within a week of receipt. Old or broken rosaries may also be donated, repaired and sent to the missions. For more information email: holdenbnd@gmail.com or call Dick at (239) 463-3993
- **People Asking For Money Outside of Church:** We remind you that if there is anyone asking for money around the Church outside of Mass at our exits, ignore them. We have been contacted by the police regarding a group of professionals who travel to various churches. Be generous in giving to our Poor Boxes. That is where and how we can assist those who are truly in need. **Be sure to take your purses with you to Communion.**
- **If you are hospitalized at Gulf Coast Hospital** and would like to be visited by one of our Eucharistic Ministers or our Parish nurses, please let the Hospital Admissions Office know you are from our parish and contact our parish office, as well. Once you go home, if you are unable to attend Mass and would like to have the Eucharist brought to you, please call the parish office. (239) 561-2245

WELCOME

New Parishioners

- Meghan Lang
- Paul & Johanna Newman
- Caleb Courville & Katlyn Sullivan
- Christos Panagoulias
- Brian & Amy Rajca
- Lizia Strauch

Those who are new to our Parish this year, and those who've been coming for years without being registered, we need your help in staying organized and planning for our future needs. Having an accurate database of our parishioners will help us know where and how we need to grow. Thank you to everyone who registered with our Parish. If you have not received a welcome letter, please call the Parish Office to confirm your registration. All new parishioners, and those interested in registering in our Parish, are invited to attend **The New Parishioner Orientation will take place on Sunday, May 20th, 2018 at 12:30pm.**

This is your opportunity to become informed and active members of the Parish and participate in our various ministries. Registering at St. John XXIII is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community. Please let the parish office know your email address OR you can even update it on the Parish Website! **www.johnxxiii.net**

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, Baptisms or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory basket.

PRAYERS FOR

Our Service Personnel

PFC Bryan Bard
Sean Ball
Major Bart Boma
Staff Sgt. Dennis Cosgrove
Sgt. Phil Dellibovi
Staff Sgt. Chris Dominski
2nd Lt. Andrew Dugan, Army
Captain Andrew Duguay
Sgt. Jared Gaudet
Tech Sgt Jeffrey K. Green
1st Lt. Kellyn Hall
Andrew Herman
1st Lt. Paige Hortman
Sgt. Kathleen Hudepohl
PFC Michael P Hughes
SPC Michael Jednak
PFC Andrew Kanopkh
Michael Klem
Capt. Bradley D. Laux
2nd Lt. Jacob Mundo, Army
LCPL Nick Mundo
SRA Anthony Padula
LCP James Palenik
Master SGT Peter Parison
Sgt. Justin Pingicer, Army
Lt. Col. Brady Sexton
2nd Lt. Kristen Thompson
Christian Troutner, US Navy
Alex Zizzo, US Navy Medic
PFC Jordan Feil, USA
Hayden Linde
Aaron Crump, USCG
PFC Nathaniel Broemmel
Lt. Com. Mark Buonomo
Col. Scott C. Woodward
Private Nicholas Loeb, ARNG
Staff Sgt. Alec DeLuca
Andrew Hawkinson, USN
Cavalry Scout Specialist,
Ryan Silva, Army
2nd Lt. Greg Fry, USMC

Lord God, Almighty Father,

Creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing.
Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light.
To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen

Faith Formation

Contact **Chris Biel** | 561-7499 | chrisdre@johnxxiii.net

THIS WEEK IN FAITH FORMATION:
Faith Formation has ended for the 2017-2018 school year! Congratulations to 35 students who had perfect attendance! Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will begin in July. Please watch the bulletin for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: WE ARE NOW FILLED! If you would like your child to be placed on a waiting list, please contact Chris Biel at (239) 561-7499.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION: Baptism: Congratulations on your decision to baptize your child! At Saint John XXIII we are happy to help your family prepare for the celebration. Baptisms are offered for registered members of Saint John XXIII and are scheduled only after the preparation process is completed by the parents. Please do not make arrangements for family members until you have actually received a date. Contact the office at (239) 561-2245 for more information or to begin the process.

FIRST COMMUNION (also called First Eucharist) and First Reconciliation: Children in First grade or above, who have expressed a desire and willingness and are attending Mass, are welcome to begin the two year process of preparing for these Sacraments. The first year consists of regular attendance at Faith Formation classes or through a Diocesan Catholic school. (Either St. Francis Xavier or St. Andrew) The second year continues those classes, but also adds in direct Sacramental Preparation (Reconciliation and Communion) sessions. Contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process. Parents who Home school their children must contact the office during Year I.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation is a two year process that now begins at the start of 9th Grade and is celebrated in the Fall of 11th grade. (Older teens are certainly welcome also!). Each year consists of Faith Formation through the parish Youth Group or a Diocesan Catholic school (Bishop Verot) as well as scheduled Confirmation classes and a retreat. Please note: Students from Bishop Verot must register and attend the preparation classes at the beginning of 9th grade. If you are entering the 9th grade or would like more information on our program, Contact Chris at 561-7499 for more information or to begin the process.

ADULT FAITH Education

All Are Invited to *Opening The Word!*

Opening the Word is a weekly Bible Study exploring the upcoming Sunday Readings.

When? Tuesday Mornings from **9am-10am**

The Next Session: Tuesday, May 15th

We will use the parish resource, Formed.org to prepare for the Readings that we hear each Sunday.

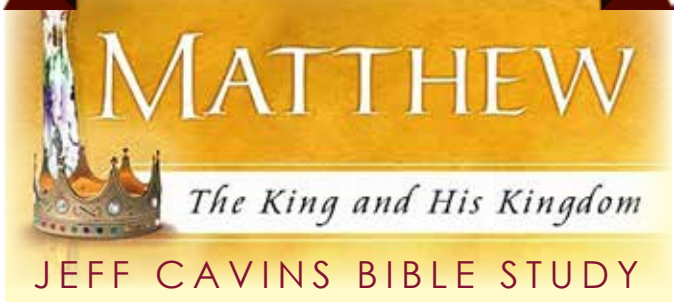
To register go to www.formed.org and use parish code: **1823ee** to see Catholic content 24/7.

We will watch a short video (7-10 minutes), share what the Readings say to us, and discuss how we can apply them to our lives.

This Bible Study meets every Tuesday morning in the church community room from 9am-10am

All are Welcome!

JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY



JEFF CAVINS BIBLE STUDY

THROUGH MAY 29TH • 6:30-8:00PM

This 24 week study will be offered in three-8 week sessions. To join our study and register, go to **www.ascensionpress.com** and create an account. Follow the instructions to join our study and register online. You will purchase your study set book at this time and it will be shipped directly to you.

Contact for this bible study is: **Edith Trafford** at **lancith@aol.com**

Young Adult Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net
Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

Welcoming All Young Adults 18 -39

- **June 7** - Rooted will meet at 7pm for a Cornhole Tournament at St. John XXIII. Get your team together! **$20 per team** to enter. Food and Drinks are included.

Join Our Facebook Group: *Rooted at St. John XXIII for updates and local happenings.*

Youth Ministry - 561-3022 xt 107

HSYG Contact **Beth Benham** | beth@johnxxiii.net
MSYG Contact **Kelly Evers** | kelly@johnxxiii.net

High School Youth Group
HSYG - Sundays 6pm to 7:30pm

THANK YOU: We want to thank everyone who helped with set-up and decorating for the GLOW End of the Year Celebration," God Lights Our Way". Thank you to Paul Todd Jr. for your DJ/Karaoke services. ***See page 14 for GLOW pics!*** Have a safe summer and please keep checking the bulletin for summer events for teens.

Middle School Youth Group
MSYG - Wednesdays 6pm to 7:15pm

CANCELLED

EVENT CANCELLED: Due to limited space of the community room, the end of the year party has been cancelled. Have a safe and fun summer and see you all back in the fall.

MSYG & HSYG *Save the Dates*

- **June 18-22** - Just 5 Days Mission Trip
- **June 23-30** - Catholic Heart Work camp St. Croix Trip VI
- **July 8-14** - Catholic Heart Work Camp

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, but feel a little lost? **The RCIA inquiry stage is the starting place for adults who are thinking about entering the Catholic Church.**

"Be still, and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10

In the inquiry stage, you're just finding out about Jesus, Christianity, and the Catholic Church. Talk to people, walk around in our shoes for a bit and get a feel for the place. As an inquirer, you're not yet sure exactly what you think about the Catholic Church. Your main task here is to develop your faith a little bit, get to know Christ, prayer, the Catholic Church, and how Christians live. That's the only way you can make an informed decision about entering the Catholic Church.

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Just as bodies and minds grow, Catholics believe that the soul also needs to grow in the life of grace. The Sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community.

Want to Hear More?

Please call the parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and make an appointment to meet with Father Bob.

For questions please contact **Ginny Whelan** at:
(239) 362-1283 or email: **vwhelan99@gmail.com**

Low Gluten **HOSTS**

If you are interested in receiving **LOW GLUTEN** hosts at Mass, then please go to the Sacristy before Mass starts to make your request with a Sacristan.

In the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, you share in the life of God. Live on in God's love!

Parenting Pointer #780:

Mother's Day is May 13th. What does it mean to be a mother? Does it mean to give birth? That's only one day. If your children are old enough, brainstorm with them things that a good mother does. Think of the mothers who preceded you. What were their motherly qualities?

"by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net"

Reflections by: J. Conroy

John 20:19-23 Jesus Gives the Holy Spirit

We read of Jesus appearing to the cowering disciples, and offering them the traditional Jewish greeting, "shalom." But we see also a commissioning of all the disciples; and we see a "breathing" on them, and a conferring of the Holy Spirit. And with this came a granting of authority, that authority which had previously rested with God, the forgiveness of sins. Consider that all three of these readings relate to the Spirit, as we would expect on this Feast of the Holy Spirit. We must ask ourselves how, exactly, the Spirit works in the world today. Is it possible that having breathed "life" into us, it is our task to be the instrument of the Spirit? Is it possible that God relies upon us to complete His work of Redemption, and that the Spirit acts only in what we do on a daily basis? Hence, while the reception of the Holy Spirit is indeed a gift, it implies an obligation; the Unity that Jesus prayed for can come only through our conscious acts and efforts, making the hard choice to Love.

Reflections on Scripture
Jack Conroy, Ph.D.

Marriage Moment #781:

Complaining can poison your marriage. Sure, there are times when your spouse does something you don't like and you should honestly share that. Other times you may just want to vent. Occasional complaining is OK, but repetitive or more than once a day makes you a sourpuss. It's hard to love a sourpuss.

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Hispanic Ministry
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Queremos invitarlos a las actividades en español que se están realizando en la Iglesia, contamos con su presencia para que los grupos se incrementen.

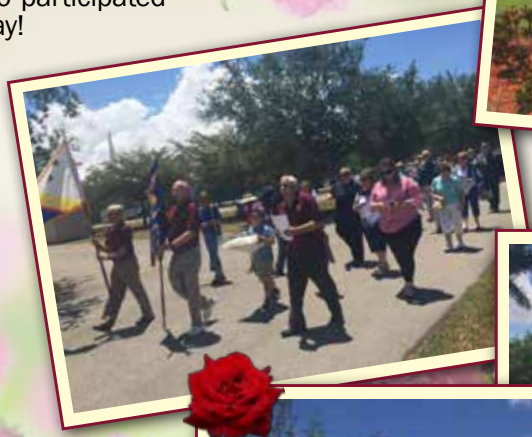
- Nuestra siguiente misa en español será el Domingo 3 de Junio a la 1:15pm.
- Los invitamos a que nos acompañen al rezo del Rosario todos los Martes a las 6:00pm dentro de la Iglesia.
- Quien desee participar en la misa como lector u otras actividades pueden contactarnos también a nuestra dirección de correo.
- Dirija todas sus inquietudes, peticiones y preguntas Nuestro correo electrónico para cualquier información o petición que deseen: contactohispanosjpxxiii@gmail.com
- Visite nuestro Facebook http://www.facebook.com/HispanosJPXXIII

Ave Maria

Dios te salve, María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo. Bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.

May Crowning

On behalf of Fr. Bob, we would like to thank the Knights of Columbus, the Women's Guild, parishioners and everyone who participated in the May Crowning last Sunday!



St. John XXIII Catholic Church

GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH TEAM

Getting to Know

TRISHA FIELDS

Faith Formation Assistant

trisha@johnxxiii.net

Trisha Fields is a dedicated member of the Parish team. We thought you would be interested in getting to know her better!

How long have you worked at St. John XXIII?

June 29th, 2018 will mark my 3rd year working here at St. John XXIII. Prior to being hired, I volunteered in the faith formation program for 9 years.

What do you want the parishioners to know about your role within the Church?

I love my job here at St. John XXIII! I am the assistant to the DRE, Chris Biel. I have the pleasure of getting to know the children and families of our parish and watching them grow in their faith journey through our faith formation program.

How does your faith reflect in your Parish work?

My faith brings me so much joy and I think it reflects in my parish work. I'll do what I can to help and I try and always do everything with a smile! I love coming to work everyday! The staff is like my extended family!

How does your job benefit a parishioner?

I enjoy getting to know our parishioners and forming friendships with them. I want everyone to feel like St. John XXIII is their home away from home. A place of peace, comfort and joy!

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for 2018

MAY - The Mission of Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

For more information:

http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/the-popes-monthly-intention.cfm

MAY WE SUGGEST....

RELAX!

Parents of Young Children:

God put the wiggle in your children so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of others! Quietly explain the parts of the Mass and actions of the priest, altar servers, lectors, choir, and others. Help them find the hymns and prayers in the hymnal or booklets. Sing the hymns, participate in the liturgy, and pray! Children learn about worship and liturgical behavior by copying you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but **please come back**. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me". Remember that the way we welcome children in the church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in His house of worship.

Those Without Young Children:

The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Get more resources for families at:
www.themassbox.com

ST. JOHN XXIII
Catholic Church
"Building Our Legacy"

Weekly Financials

May 6, 2018

Offertory	$25,777.00
Capital Campaign	$6,232.00
Total	$32,009.00
Mass Attendance	3039
Registered Families	3542
Kid's Offertory Envelopes	$0.00

No money is kept on Church property. Thank you for your continued generosity!

***Please make your checks payable to "St. John XXIII"**

2018 Catholic Faith Appeal

2018 Goal	$339,000
Pledge	$357,957.00
% of Goal	105.59%
% of Households	27.01%
Total	$261,253.46

PLANNING YOUR WILL

Remember St. John XXIII

A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue our Catholic heritage through its many ministries.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaving money to the Parish in your will is not assessed and 100% goes to the parish.

The following is possible wording for including a bequest in your will:

"I bequeath the greater of $_____ or _____% of the residue of my estate to Bishop Frank J. Dewane, (or his successor), Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, a corporation sole, whose principal office is located at 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, FL 34285, For the benefit of St. John XXIII Catholic Parish, in Fort Myers, Inc."

The actual wording in your will should be determined by you and your attorney.

For more information, questions, or wish to consider a gift annuity or trust for St. John XXIII Catholic Church, then please contact:
Holly Atkins at **(239) 561-2245**

PARISH LIFE CENTER

Building Status

This week, stucco is being used as an exterior cement plaster for all of the walls on the building.

"Knock and the door will be opened to you."
Matthew 7:7

Please make sure all CFA contributions/checks are made out to the Catholic Faith Appeal.

Thank You

Outstanding Pledges

$166,320.40

Redeemed Pledges and Contributions

$6,779,786.28

THANK YOU!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR MEMBERS AND VISITORS WHO HELPED US REACH OUR GOAL AND THEN SOME! THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THIS WONDERFUL FLOURISHING PARISH FAMILY!

ORDINATION *Anniversary*

Fr. Bob Tabbert

May, 19th 1979

39th YEAR ANNIVERSAY

MEMORIALIZE A LOVED ONE

NEW OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CHURCH!

We want to thank everyone who memorialized ALL of the Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Garden and ALL of the classrooms in the Parish Life Center! We have other opportunites for you to memorialize inside the Church:

HOLY OIL CHRISMATORY SET - $3,000
STATIONS OF THE CROSS - $5,000 EACH

If you are interested please call our Business Manager, **Holly Atkins** at **(239) 561-2245**

Commemorating the lives of those we love.

HOLY OIL CHRISMATORY SET

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

#3 Jesus Falls the First Time

#7 Jesus Falls the Second Time

#9 Jesus Falls the Third Time

#10 Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

Craftie Ladies

COMFORT BLANKETS

As we do every January/February, the Craftie Ladies were busy making Comfort Blankets for Gulf Coast Hospital. This year, we provided **Nancy Roberts**, from **Lee Health**, *121 blankets*, *62 hats*, and *13 prayer shawls*. This is such a fun time for us! All of our snowbirds are back and our membership goes up considerably. We can have as many as 8-10 sewing machines going at one time. It makes for a noisy, but fun afternoon! We could not sew, however, without our dedicated team of cutters, pinners, pressers and turners. As I'm sure you recall, these blankets are given to patients, usually in ICU, and are often at the end of their life. Many times, this is the last time that the family will have with their loved one, as the traditional funeral in some cases is not done. The ICU staff removes the medical equipment and covers the patient with our blanket, making a much less sterile environment for the family to say goodbye. They then take the blanket home with them. Last year, the Craftie Ladies made more blankets than any other organization, and I would not be surprised if that is the case for 2018. The Craftie Ladies are very proud of all our accomplishments. But our machines would be silent if it wasn't for you, our generous parishioners. Please keep the donations of yarn and fabrics coming! Without them, we would not be able to craft a single item! Thanks so very much! Together, we make a great team!

The Craftie Ladies presenting Nancy Roberts from Lee Health, blankets, hats and prayer shawls.

Join Us!

If the Craftie Ladies sounds like something you may be interested in doing, but don't know how to sew, knit, or crochet... No Problem! We have lots of talented people who can teach you. We meet every Monday at the St. John XXIII Villas, off Apaloosa and Daniels, from 1-3pm. Stop in sometime and check us out. Everyone is welcome!

SOCIAL JUSTICE Diaper Drive

THIS WEEKEND

The Social Justice Ministry will be collecting infant diapers for Verity Pregnancy & Medical Resource Center. You can drop off your donation in the designated area in the Narthex this weekend. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish community!

For more information email: **Sandy Szymanski**
szysan05@comcast.net

A MORNING WITH MARY

All women are invited to **A MORNING WITH MARY** on **Saturday, May 19th**. We will begin with 8am Mass followed by the Rosary, a light breakfast and speaker will follow. The speaker is **Karen Ruberto Kabiling**, former director of Our Lady of All Nations.

There is **NO CHARGE** for the morning, however to insure enough food, please sign up after all Masses in the Narthex **this weekend**. For more information email **hartmann_carolyn@yahoo.com**

FAITH & FINANCE

Applying Gospel Values to Financial Management

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERIES, BUT PLEASE RSVP TO:

DEACON RICH KLISH
deaconrich@johnxxiii.net

- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**
- **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23**

This series will address both short-term and long-term financial management and planning. It will present techniques for sound finances focusing on developing skills in:

- **Budgeting**
- **Investments**
- **Maintaining Credit Scores**
- **Retirement Planning**

OPEN TO ALL AGES - TEENS TO RETIREES

PRESENTERS: ROBERT BROWN & DEACON RICH KLISH

6:30PM TO 8:00PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

Light refreshments will be served at both sessions.

ST. JOHN XXIII

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EXERCISE WEAR
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FOOTWEAR, TRAVEL BAGS & LUGGAGE
COMFORTER'S & BEDSPREADS

**Sizes and Styles will Vary Based on Inventory.*

Knights of Columbus

WHAT'S NEW?

This **May 19th-20th**, the Knights of Columbus will conduct a **Recruitment Drive**. New members are always needed to continue our support of charities and support of our other Church Ministries. We also provide fellowship between us and other parishioners. By sponsoring various functions, such as movie night and pancake breakfasts.

Brother Knight, **Vince Smoral** will speak at each Mass and there will be other Knights in the Narthex to sign you up.

HELP SUPPORT OUR

BACKPACK DRIVE

Help Support CHILDREN in the Community who are in NEED of School Supplies.

The donation envelopes will be located on a table in the Narthex.

If you would like to contribute to this year's Backpack Drive, then please feel free to leave a monetary donation to support this wonderful cause.

The collection will start the WEEKEND of:
JUNE 30TH

What Your Money Buys:

- **$10 Donation Backpack**
- **$20 Donation Filled Backpack**

NO DONATION IS EVER TOO SMALL!
Checks may be made out to St. John XXIII.

For more information please contact:

Sandy Szymanski
szysan05@comcast.net

MOTHER'S DAY FUN FACTS

- Mother's Day originated in the United States in the early 1900's and was recognized as a holiday in 1914.
- In the vast majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" all begin with the letter M.
- Of all the flowers bought for holidays, one quarter are purchased for Mother's Day.
- Approximately $14 billion dollars is spent on Mother's Day.
- In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.
- In the United States alone, around 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
- Carnations are very popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus' mother (Mary) when she wept at his feet the day He was crucified.
- The most common flower for Mother's Day is the carnation; pink and red for mothers who are alive and white for those who have passed away.
- Mother's Day is celebrated in close to 50 countries in different parts of the world.

Happy Mother's Day

St. John XXIII Catholic Church

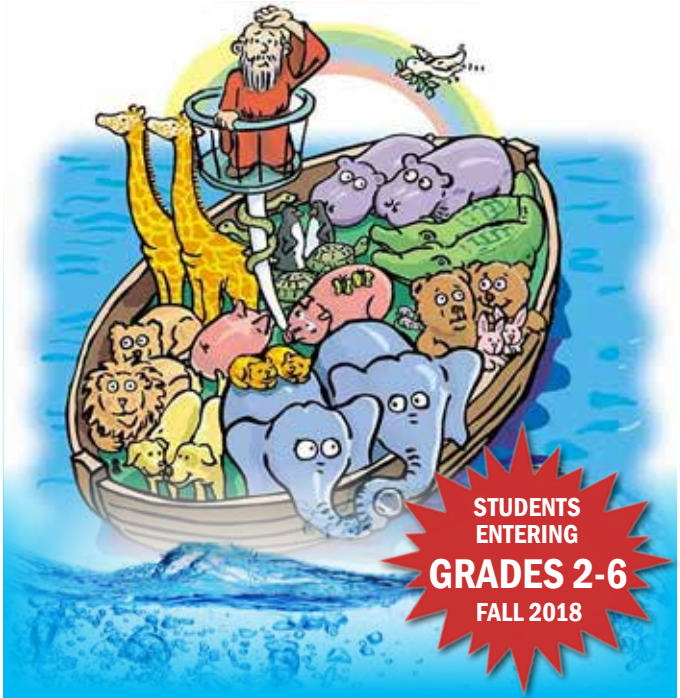
PRESENTS

THE MUSICAL

Don't Rock the Ark!

Children's Summer Music Week

JULY 16th - 20th



REGISTRATION FEE:
$30/$75 per family 3 or More

Monday - Friday: 12:00pm - 3:30pm

PERFORMANCE:
Sunday, July 15th at 3:00pm

For the REGISTRATION FORM E-mail
tom@johnxxiii.net

Catholic Community
HAPPENINGS

Safe Environment Training: As Christian adults, we have a moral and legal responsibility and are entrusted by God with the spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of minors and vulnerable adults. To provide a safe and nurturing environment for everyone, we ask all volunteers to attend the Safe Environment Training Class once their fingerprints have been cleared. To view the next sessions go to www.dioceseofvenice.org website, click on Offices, Programs and Safe Environment. Select Training Schedule to see the list of classes. Click on "Start Registration" at the top of the page to register for a class. All registrations must be done through the Diocese of Venice website. The next local sessions at Our Lady of Light are Thursday, May 17th from 6-8pm and Saturday, May 19th from 9:30am-11am.

Catechetics Summer Course: The Institute for Catholic Studies is hosting a 13-week collegiate level class online Tuesdays from May 15th to August 14th. The course is entitled "Catechetics: Handing on the Faith in the World of Today". Learn the history, methods and contemporary practice of Catholic Religious Education. The cost is $600 and also serves as a pre-requisite for the Masters in Catechetics program. To register or for additional information, please visit Institute-dov.org or call (941) 766-7334

BVHS Applications: Bishop Verot Catholic High School is still accepting applications. The next freshman placement test is scheduled for May 21st. The Step Up for Students Scholarship is accepted. Please visit bvhs.org/admissions or contact Jill Rhone at (239) 274-6760 for more information.

Novena of Masses for Life: Participate in a Mass near you and pray for life! Visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife for the monthly schedule of Novena of Masses for Life.

Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane: Join Bishop Dewane for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. It can be heard at 8:30am Friday, May 25th on 1660 AM in Naples and 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers.Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com

Retrouvaille Marriage Help: This ministry gives hope to struggling couples and families. The next program begins May 25th and registrants will be accepted until the final day. For more information or to see additional upcoming dates visit: www.helpourmarriage.org

SWFL Catholic Moms: Join other moms for coffee, brunch, childcare and fellowship the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, from 9:30-11:30am at Church of the Resurrection's Parish Hall. 8121 Cypress Lake Drive, Ft. Myers. For more information contact Amanda Gavini at (239) 222-0452

Bishop Verot International Student Homestay Search: Have a life-changing experience in your own home by opening your hearts to international students in Fort Myers! Now looking for host families for students who will attend Bishop Verot High School. You provide: a furnished bedroom and a loving home. You receive: competitive monthly compensation and ongoing support. Interested families should contact Christina at (512) 627-4111 or cnicholls@usivy.net

Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing: Are you suffering after an abortion? There is hope and healing for you. For confidential information, contact Fonda at (239) 719-7210 or email Fonda.rachel@gmail.com

Save a Life

Donate Blood in Your Community!

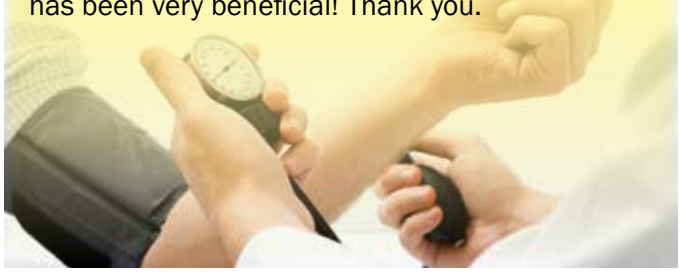
The Lee Health Bloodmobile is coming back on
SUNDAY, May 20th from **8am-1pm**

Permanent donation locations are also in Bonita Springs, Cape Coral and Ft. Myers.

Blood donated at the Lee Memorial Blood Center locations and on the purple bloodmobile helps the Lee County community!

For locations and schedule information,
call **(239) 343-2333** or visit:
www.leehealth.org/bloodcenter/bloodmobile.asp

Anyone who may be interested in assisting with blood pressure checks after Mass on the last weekend of every month, please call the Parish office at **(239) 561-2245** and leave your name and phone number. One of our parish nurses will get back to you.

It is required you get fingerprinted and attend Safety Environmental Training. We will provide you with information on the process.

We do provide cuff and stethoscope. Join us as we perform a service to our parishioners that thus far has been very beneficial! Thank you.